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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



Photo courtesy of Mark Olenki

Our guest speaker,
Richard Heinberg of the
Post Carbon Institute.

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Santee Cooper Lecture Series: "Energy Futures Symposium"



Last Tuesday, February 15th was a busy day on campus as we welcomed our Santee Cooper Lecture Series' guest speaker, Richard Heinberg, of the Post Carbon Institute, and the panelists for the evening event, Brenda Boultonwood, of Constellation Energy and Stanley Porter '89, an energy consultant with Deloitte Consulting, LLP.

The well-attended 11:00 am talk by Heinberg was an informative look at the challenges that we, and future generations, face with regard to where and how we find our energy resources. Heinberg concluded his talk with a Q&A session.

The ENVS faculty hosted a lunch for Heinberg, followed by him doing a joint talk with Dr. Savage's ENV 332 and Dr. Wallace's ECON338 classes.

Professor Lane then led the

three panelists on a tour of the Goodall Center in Glendale.

Before the 7:00 pm panel discussion, our guests were treated to a light supper at Dean and Mrs. Wood's home. Then we convened at Leonard Auditorium for the panelists' presentations and discussion moderated by Physics Department Chair, Dr. Mackay Salley.

The three presentations were based on each panelist's perspective of the industry. Stanley Porter's presentation asked the question, "Where Should We Invest?" Richard Heinberg's research showed us how we are "searching for a miracle" in terms of evaluating the resources we have and the need to use less energy by changing our behaviors. Brenda Boultonwood discussed the energy industry's perspective of where we are today and the challenges and risks of running an energy company.

To conclude the event, the panelists answered questions prepared by Dr. Salley and the audience.

ENVS faculty on a tour of the Goodall Center with our guests. Photos courtesy of Mark Olenki.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

February 28th

Deadline for applications for *Undergraduate Student Grant Proposals for Belle W. Baruch Foundation Funding*: The Belle W. Baruch Foundation is accepting applications for funding for undergraduate research in the areas of Marine Science, Forestry, Wildlife Management, History, Archaeology, or Art History. Research must be conducted at Hobcaw Barony in Georgetown SC. For more information, contact Dr. Savage, SavageKS@wofford.edu.

February 28th

Deadline for grant proposals for *South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities (SCICU)*: Any freshman, sophomore, or 1st semester junior may apply for the 2011 Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program designed to engage students in professionally guided primary research. For more information, contact Dr. Savage, SavageKS@wofford.edu.

March 6th

Deadline for applications for *Environpreneur Institute fellowships sponsored by the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC)*: 16 fellowships will be awarded for a two-week educational training in Bozeman, Montana from June 26 – July 8, 2011 and includes lodging, some meals, and fellowship stipend paid to all participants. For more information visit: www.enviropreneurs.org

March 16th

Deadline for applications for *The Best Internship On Earth*: Spend the summer hiking, rafting, and exploring with the Sierra Club's youth program around the country. Earn some extra money and outfit yourself with gear from The North Face and Planet Explore. Visit: <http://sierraclub.org/bestinternship/> to apply.

Wednesday
evenings
February 23 -
March 23

The Green Screen Film Series: *Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at The Showroom at HUB-BUB*. Hub City Co-op is co-sponsoring this series of documentary films designed to get us thinking about how to live healthier lives in a healthier community. Each event features a discussion after the movie to bring a local focus to the film. **All films are FREE!** For film topics visit: <http://www.hub-bub.com/events/film/>

Ongoing for
Summer 2011

Coal River Mountain Watch: *An environmental justice organization, fighting mountaintop removal in southern West Virginia*. Recruiting students for summer research positions. These are unfunded but may be suitable for senior thesis topics. Contact: **Cathy Udall Kunkel '05**, cathykunkel@gmail.com or visit <http://www.crmw.net/crmw/content/research-internships>.

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE OF THE WEEK: *Ohio State University – Environmental Sciences Graduate Program*

The Environmental Sciences Graduate Program (*ESGP*) at Ohio State University emphasizes research and applied teaching that will contribute to solving the world's environmental problems.

Research opportunities includes 16 different areas, such as agro-ecology, environmental chemistry, and urban ecosystems, just to name a few.

ESGP is comprised of many departments within

the OSU community providing an interdisciplinary education that deals with environmental issues.

Upon admission to the *ESGP*, students can pursue and obtain either a Master's of Science degree and/or a Ph.D. degree.

Visit the schools website for more information on their program and how to apply:

<http://esgp.osu.edu/>